

City of Deer Park
Council Meeting
Student Government Night
City Municipal Building
March 12, 2007

Student President of Council Sara Dorton called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a prayer.

Courtney Long, Student Clerk of Council, read the roll. All council members and student council members were present, with the exception of Councilman Mike Allen.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Mounce to excuse Mr. Allen. Seconded by Councilwoman Sarah Bailey. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The minutes from the regular council meeting February 26, 2007 were moved to acceptance by student councilwoman Mounce and seconded by Councilwoman Sarah Bailey. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Welcome to Visitors and Citizens given by President of Council Dorton.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGISLATIVE AND FINANCE

Ms. Mounce asked Clerk Long to read Ordinance no. 07-06 by title only: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DEER PARK AND THE BOARD OF HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RELATIVE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF GALBRAITH ROAD FROM BLUE ASH ROAD TO EAST CORPORATION LINE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY..

Motion was made by Ms. Mounce to waive the 24hour-notification rule. Seconded by Mr. Bake. Roll was called and motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Ms. Mounce and seconded by Mr. Bake to waive the three reading rule. Roll was called and motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Ms. Mounce and seconded by Ms. Stallworth to adopt Ordinance 07-06. Roll was called and passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. Runck asked Clerk Long to read Ordinance 07-07 by title only. Resolution 07-07 - RESOLUTION AUHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR STUDENT GOVERNMENT NIGHT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Runck moved to waive the 24-hour notification rule. Seconded by Ms. Mounce. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Ms. Runck moved to waive the three reading rule. Seconded by Ms. Mounce and passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. Runck moved to adopt Ordinance 07-07. Seconded by Ms. Mounce and passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. Stallworth asked the Clerk to read Ordinance 07-08 by title only. Ordinance 07-08 – AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PPROPPRIATION FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, STATE OF OHIO. DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 1, 2007 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Stallworth moved to waive the 24-hour nitrification rule. Seconded by Ms. Mounce. Ordinance 07-08 passed by unanimous roll call .

Ms. Stallworth moved for adoption of Ordinance 07-08. Seconded by Ms. Mounce. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

President of Council, Mr. McGoron explained the procedures in passing legislature, and why steps are taken.

Ms. Mounce motioned to accept Auditor, Treasurer and Income Tax Department reports. Ms. Bailey.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

SAFETY

Councilwoman Cocoa McNatt reviewed the February Police Report prepared by Chief Gille and Lt. Schlie.

Chief Gille is retiring April 6, 2007. The Civil Service Commission is planning a promotional test for Chief on April 18, 2007.

Two police officers have accepted employment with other police departments . The department is preparing to work under reduced staffing.

PUBLIC WORKS AND SERVICE

Councilman Bake reported the Service Department has been busy chipping and picking up tree limbs damaged during the February ice storm. The entire city has been picked up twice and 3rd time around started today. The chipper did break down last week due to a fuel leak. Temporary repairs were made and chipping resumed after a couple hours. The chipper needs major repairs or total replacement. Estimated cost of a new one is \$25,000.00.

Ms. Bailey reported the 1997 dump truck needs repairs. The front springs are broken and it is unsafe and out of service. The fuel tank and truck bed also needs replacing.. Estimated cost of repairs is \$5,500.00.

The 1991 backhoe is also out of service. Cost of repairs is still unknown.

Ms. Carmen reported some road repairs are being done. Crews are out filling potholes. This time of year it is an ongoing operation. The service department has been preparing the park for summer activities. The ball fields were drug today for the first time this year.

The Clerk had no communication to read.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Law Director Kirkham reported on possible future changes in the Ohio Estate Tax.

Treasurer Kouw explained funds and account balances with banks utilized by the city.

Auditor Schroeder reviewed the city funds by account title and balance in each.

Safety-Service Director Harpen reported Service Department remains busy due to weather damage in February. The city has used almost 170 tons of road salt at a cost of \$7,400.00. Last years cost totaled \$5,997.00. Due to our current financial status, employee overtime is only for emergency call out.

The Park Board is planning the summer festival scheduled for August 3-4, 2007. They are considering expanding events onto the grassy portion of the park.

The City has awarded \$165000.00 in Municipal Road Grant Funds to widen and improve Galbraith Road between Blue Ash Road and the east corporation line. This will coincide with the widening project in Sycamore Township to Kenwood Road.

A 0% interest State Capital Improvement Plan loan has been awarded to help fund the Matson Avenue and Gail Drive reconstruction project. Work to begin after contract awarded July 1, 2007.

Kleinger's Engineering Firm has been contracted to develop a comprehensive economic development plan to assist in the planning for a positive future for the city. An advisory committee will be selected in the future.

Mayor Erika King read a proclamation from the office of the Mayor, declaring March 12th 2007 Student Government Night at Council .

Mayor Collins thanked Mr. Phil McCluggage for the participation from a "great group of kids". He noted he was very impressed with the good job they did. He also thanked the students, parents, Chris Hedger for coordinating the evening and Janet Lichtensteiger-Kelly for making the booklets used this evening.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31PM

Pat McGoron
President of Council

Patricia A. Stewart
Clerk of Council Pro-Tem

